

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the exports of onion in the interests of the onion growers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Under the new export policy export of onion will continue to be canalised through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) so that there are no problems for the exports.

(c) The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited has taken various promotional steps such as scientific storage of onion, R & D facilities, educating onion growers for adopting new technique, transportation of onions by rail at competitive rates, adequate provision of shipping facilities, improvement in packaging condition etc.

Import and Export of Agricultural Products

5962. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of exports and imports of agricultural products during each of the last three years; and

(b) the percentage share of the agricultural products in the total exports and imports during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). The information sought by the Hon'ble Member is available in the Economic Survey 1991-92 presented to Parliament by the Union Minister of Finance during the current Session of Parliament. Copies of the Economic Survey 1991-92 are available in Parliament Library.

Loans to Unemployed Youth In Maharashtra

5963. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The amount of loans given to unemployed youth and minority communities by various nationalised and other banks during each of the last three years upto March, 31 1992 in various districts of Maharashtra;

(b) the number of applications of above category rejected during the above period;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the plans and programmes of the Government to give loans and other financial assistance to unemployed youth and minority communities by the banks during 1992-93 and 1993-94 in the above State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). The amount of loans given to the unemployed youth under the scheme for providing self-Employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) during the last three years i.e. 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto January 1992) in the State of Maharashtra are Rs. 1493.12 lakhs, Rs. 1687.59 lakhs and Rs. 781.62 lakhs (date provisional) respectively. The data reporting system from banks does not generate information relating to the number of applications rejected. State-wise target for the number of beneficiaries under the SEEUY Scheme are fixed on year to year basis by the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries in the Ministry of Industry who administers the SEEUY Scheme. For the year 1992-93, they have not so far finalised the said targets. The question of fixing any target for the year 1993-94 does not, therefore, arise.

In Maharashtra, there are two districts

viz. Bombay and Aurangabad which are the districts identified as having concentration of minorities. According to information furnished by Bank of Maharashtra, Convenor, State Level Banker's Committee to Reserve Bank of India, Public Sector Banks' advances to the minority communities in the above two districts at the end of March, 1991 (the latest available) are as under:

	<i>Balance outstanding (Rs. in crores)</i>
Aurangabad	16.08
Bombay	103.82

In Keeping with the Government's 15 Point Programme for the welfare of minorities banks were advised from time to time by Reserve Bank of India to take steps for ensuring adequate share of credit to minorities. As there are no separate schemes or programmes like SEEUY specifically for minorities, the question of fixing of targets in this regard does not arise.

Maintenance of National Highways

5964. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on the repair and maintenance of Bombay -Bangalore, Panval-Mangalore and Poona-Hyderabad National Highways during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the condition of these roads becomes very bad during rainy season every year causing traffic jams; and

(c) if so, the measures the Government propose to take for proper maintenance of these highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The funds for repair and maintenance of National Highways are allotted State-wise and not National Highway-wise. The total expenditure incurred during the last three years in the four States through which these National Highways pass are furnished below:-

Rs. in lakhs

	<i>State</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,006.71	1,308.33	1,350.56
2.	Karnataka	793.64	847.94	883.32
3.	Maharashtra	1,300.31	1,388.07	1,848.56
4.	Goa	166.36	237.20	218.87

(b) and (c). National Highways may get damaged due to rains. However, they are being kept in traffic-worthy condition subject to the availability of funds.

Waiver of Outstanding Income Tax

5965. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the

Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of outstanding income tax waived or written off during last three years, year-wise and also during 1991-92;